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THE KING OF SPAIN RECEIVES EL CONSORCI DE LA ZONA FRANCA DE BARCELONA IN AUDIENCE TO MARK THE CENTENARY OF THE INSTITUTION (1916–2016)

Barcelona, 27 February 2017.- On Monday, His Majesty **King Philip VI** received the Executive Committee of El Consorci de la Zona Franca de Barcelona (CZFB) in audience at the Albéniz palace in Barcelona, in recognition of the work carried out by this public institution which was created a hundred years ago.

The special representative of the State on behalf of the Executive Committee, **Jordi Cornet**, thanked the gesture of the monarch and presented the head of state with a book commemorating the centenary and a historical photo of King Alfonso XIII showing his interest in the project of a free trade port in Barcelona.

“One hundred years supporting the economy and business projection” summarises the history of this institution that manages the Zona Franca industrial estate, its customs zone, promotes industrial, urban and logistics areas and organises trade fairs of business interest.

You can download a snapshot of the audience by clicking [AUDIENCE1](#). In the picture, from left to right: CZFB secretary general **Anton Ferré**, director of business area and the economic-finance department **Antoni Detrell**, director general of the Port of Barcelona **Josep A. Carbonell**, undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance and Public Function **Felipe Martínez Rico**, provincial head of Customs **Almudena Escobedo**, and on the other side of the monarch, delegate **Jordi Cornet**, second deputy mayor of Barcelona **Jaume Collboni**, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Barcelona **Miquel Valls** and general attorneys **Cristina Ozores** and **María Fernández Gonzalo**.

In another snapshot, [AUDIENCE2](#), the monarch receives a historic photograph of King Alfonso XIII visiting the CZFB Pavilion in the 1929 Universal Exhibition from Jordi Cornet.

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